

As a consumer of television and other media and a proud citizen of this country, I am very concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Their effort is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, is tantamount to direct electioneering by a corporate media giant and is in violation of federal election law.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. We need more representation from our local community in the media, not stories engineered at Media Central for political purposes. That's not the function of media! What's going on at Sinclair is a perfect example of how Big Media is suffocating journalism and democracy itself! Does the FCC want to support this trend? I hope not. Please do what you can to stop it and uphold the democratic ideals on which this nation was founded. Thank you.